THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DOCTORS COMMONS:

Wherein is expreſt the Legacies bequeathed to her beſt Benefactors and Friends,

As Advocates, Officials, Delegates and Doctors, Meſſengers, Sumners, Promooters, and Proctors, And others, which herein my Will is made knowne, Repaire to the Commons, and there take your owne.

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I *Doctors Commons*, being at this preſent ſomething antient and weak, both in body and mind, but of perfect health and memory, and conſidering the caſualty of the times; doe make, conſtitute, and ordaine this my laſt *will* and *Teſtament*, in manner & forme following, that is to ſay.

Firſt, and principally, I will, and bequeath my ſelfe to the *Salt-peter* men, there neceſſarily to be imployed to make *Gun-powder*; for the diſcharge of the new Canons, and my body decently to be buried, all ſumptuous and Riotous coſts and charges laid aſide, and under the Convocation houſe within the Cathedrall Church of St. *Pauls*, *London*.

Item, for my perſonall eſtate, I will, and bequeath, as followeth, *viz.* All my *Iudges*, *Delegates*, *high Commiſſioners*, *Officials*, *Commiſſaries*, *Deanes*, *Arch-deacons*, and other infe-

riour *Doctors*, and *Advocates*, to the High Court of *Parliament* there to be ordered according to their deserts.

Item, all *Registers*, *Deputy Registers*, *Proctors and publique Notaries*, I give, and bequeath to his Majesties Courts of Kings Bench and Common-pleas, there to be made Attornies, in case there be not enow already.

Item, all my fifty pound Clarkes, I will, and bequeath to their friends in the Country, or else to his Majesties Justices of the Peace, there to be imployed, as Iustice-Clarkes, ought to be wiser then their worships.

Item, all my Hackney Iourneymen, and Subjourneymen Clarkes, I will and bequeath to *Chancery*-lane, there to be imployed by the *Chancery Clarkes* in their cut-fingerd Gloves, and my old acquaintance Sir *Hugh Prester* to the *Star-chamber*.

Item, all my Messengers, Pursivants, Apparitors, Sumners, Promooters, and for all other my inferiour Snap-dragons, and smell-smockes, whatsoever: I will, and bequeath to the Under-Sheriffes, there to be imployed as Bum-bailyes, or Setters, or else to Pauls, or the Temple-church, to become Knights of the Post, and in case all these imployments faile, my further will and pleasure is, they be sent to the Divell for a New-yeares Gift, who hath most right to them, and doubtlesse will receive them.

Item, all my writings, Monuments, Escripts,

Manuſcripts, Perſcripts, Preſcripts, Poſtſcripts, and Subſcripts, I will and bequeath, as followeth, *viz.* All my writings touching, or any way concerning incontinencie, or carnall copulation; I will, and bequeath to all the handſome whores in *Bloomſbury*, *Long-acre*, *Beech-lane*, *Golding-lane*, *Pickt-hatch*, *Turnball-ſtreet*, and ſuch like places; for they ſhall have moſt right to them, and paid me with the pox on them.

Item, all my Bookes of Acts, I will and bequeath to the *Fortune and Bull* Play-houſe, for they want good action.

Item, all my wide ſtradling proceſſes, *Iudices a quo*, and all other ſuperfluous tranſmiſſions: I will and bequeath to Pettifume the Retailing Tobacconiſt in *white-Fryers*.

Item, all my large Roles of Parchment: I will and bequeath to *Stich the Taylor*, at the ſigne of the three halfe-penny loaves in threed-needle ſtreet, to be uſed at his owne diſcretion but not a penny for drinke, hee ſhall be choak't firſt, as his predeceſſor was.

Item, all other, my other waſt papers whatſoever: I will, and bequeath to *Cookes*, *Chandlers*, and *Grocers*.

Item, all my Canons, Demi-canons, and all my ſmall birding pieces of all Religion whatſoever: I give and bequeath to the Tower to defend their maker the great Canoniſt, to deſtroy his enemies the *Puritans and Browniſts*.

Item, my Will and meaning is, that theſe my

legacies be paid immediately after my decease.

And lastly, I do by these presents constitute, ordaine, depute, and make my trusty and welbeloved friends, all the Scottish Covenanters, Executors of this my last will and Testament, who (I doe undoubtedly believe, and am very confident) will see this my Will truely and conscionably performed, according to my true intent, and meaning here expressed: for witnesse whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seale, this 23. of *June*, 1641.

Signed, sealed, and published, in the presence of us, I. L. A. D. *and* T. E. *and many other credible witnesses.*

FINIS.